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September 2, 1952

BUSINESS AIDS

Two new check-out counters for retail grocery stores, developed by USDA men in cooperation with food chains, save about one-third of cost of checking out customers' orders and speed up operations. New publication issued by USDA, "The Check-Out Operation in Self-Service Retail Food Stores," illustrates new counters, gives construction plans, how to operate most efficiently, compares time and cost with other counters.

"How Some Wholesalers Build Better Retailers," new publication issued by PMA, USDA, reports on study of help given to retailers by nine large wholesalers in Midwest and East. Wholesalers provide retailers with help on pricing, sales promotion, store engineering, accounting, and other phases of management.

"Locating, Planning, and Operating Country Elevators" is new publication of PMA, USDA, intended to "provide information needed by people who desire to build new elevators as well as by operators who desire to make improvements in existing facilities." 96 page booklet based on studies of grain elevators in Indiana.

All available, Office of Information Services, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D.C.

USDA WILL COOPERATE WITH TELEVISION NETWORK (CBS) IN REPORTING EACH WEEK ON FOODS MOST PLENTIFUL AND LOWEST IN PRICE IN PRINCIPAL CITIES. PROGRAM PRESENTED EACH WEDNESDAY AT 9 AM CDST, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 3: OVER CBS STATIONS IN FOLLOWING MIDWEST CITIES: CHICAGO, CINCINNATI, DAYTON, COLUMBUS, CLEVELAND, MINNEAPOLIS, INDIANAPOLIS, KALAMAZOO, DETROIT, OMAHA.

CCC

Commodity Credit Corporation has sold nearly \$100 million worth of commodities acquired through price support operations during 1952. Grain has made up most of sales.

CCC has announced commodities and prices for sale at home and abroad during September. List includes nonfat dry milk solids, raw linseed oil, grains, and seeds of several legumes and grasses.

Area Commodity Offices last week sold following commodities: Corn, 1,240,493 bus.; wheat 736,598 bus.; barley, 898,004 bus.; oats, 2,073 bus.; edible beans, 53,055 cwt.; rye, 871 bu; flaxseed, 1,600 bus.; soybeans, 478 bus.; legume and grass seeds, 207,636 lbs.

COFFEE

Americans drink more coffee than rest of world combined, about 115 billion cups or 15 billion pounds per year, 46% above pre-war.

U.S. imported 2,687 million lbs. coffee in 1951, about two-thirds of all world coffee imports. The coffee represented 26% of U.S. imports of agricultural products and 13% of U. S. imports of all products. Coffee cost U.S. importers \$1,358 million.

Leading sources of U. S. coffee in 1951: Brazil, 1,454 million lbs.; Columbia, 560 million lbs.; El Salvador, 133 million lbs.; Guatemala, 104 million lbs.; Mexico, 105 million lbs.

FARMER COMMITTEES OF PMA WILL MAKE EMERGENCY SHIPMENTS OF HAY TO DAIRY AND BEEF FARMERS IN ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, AND GEORGIA AS WELL AS KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE. SHIPMENTS TO LATTER TWO STATES BEGAN IN MID-AUGUST. HAY BEING BOUGHT BY PMA COMMITTEES IN WISCONSIN, IOWA, ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN.

SUGAR

Sugar distribution during week ended August 23 was 163,886 tons, compared with almost 172 tons previous week and 150,015 tons in same week of 1951. Since January 1, distribution has totaled 5,389,568 tons, compared with 5,157,092 year ago.

Because more than 80% of year's quota from Cuba has been imported, importers must get approval from USDA on each shipment of sugar from Cuba from now to end of 1952.

USDA reported last week on state-by-state deliveries of sugar during May, 1952.

New York was leading state, with Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Ohio, and Texas following in order.

PACKAGING

USDA has been studying use of film in packaging fruits and vegetables, has learned: Apricots in film keep for week at 40 degrees but develop bad odors at 65. Sweetpotatoes keep 4 weeks at 55 degrees, only 2 weeks at 70, similar experience with carrots. Onions, sweet corn, broccoli need air holes in film, but netmeats do best in airtight film. Apples, oranges, lemons shrivel less in containers lined with film.

FARM PRICES

Farmers' prices stayed about same in mid-August as month earlier, but farmers' costs went up slightly. Ratio of prices received to prices paid remained at 103, same as in July. Ratio higher than 100 considered favorable to farmer.

Farmers got higher prices (comparing August to July) for poultry, dairy products, hogs, small grains, hay, and potatoes; got less for vegetables, cattle, calves, several fruits, and sweet potatoes. Main increases in prices paid came in items needed for farm operation: feed, motor fuel, etc.

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DROUTH CONDITIONS HAVE FORCED AMENDMENTS IN THREE MILK MARKETING ORDERS TO PROVIDE PRODUCER PRICE INCREASES ON ACCOUNT OF INCREASED FEED COSTS: SPRINGFIELD, MO.: ST. LOUIS, MO.: AND LOUISVILLE, KY.

FRUITS

Production of major deciduous fruits this year smaller than 1951, except cherries. Total output expected 10% smaller than large 1951 crop and 6% under 1941-50 average. Production four major tree nuts about one-tenth below last year, but one-tenth above average.

Canned fruit pack 1952-53 will be about 10% smaller than large 1951-52 pack, but with the large carryover civilian supplies for year ahead expected to be as large as this year. Canned fruit juice pack will be slightly smaller too, but reduction will be more than offset by output of frozen concentrated citrus juices, mostly orange.

USDA has established new standards for grades of Florida oranges, effective September 28, replacing existing standards which cover both Florida and Texas oranges. Old standards will remain in effect for Texas oranges.

SALES OF FROZEN CONCENTRATED ORANGE JUICE TOPPED FRESH ORANGES FOR FIRST TIME DURING APRIL-JUNE OF THIS YEAR. THIS IS HIGHLIGHT OF QUARTERLY REPORT "CONSUMER FRUIT AND JUICE PURCHASES" ISSUED BY USDA COVERING PURCHASES OF CITRUS FRUITS IN VARIOUS FORMS AND PRINCIPAL DRIED FRUITS. REPORT BREAKS DOWN PURCHASES BY REGIONS.

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GRAIN

USDA has bought 211,050 bags (100 lbs.) of unpolished rice for overseas shipment by U. S. Army.

Two dozen plants in Midwest now use corncobs to make useful materials principally furfural and soft abrasives. Furfural used in refining oil, making synthetic rubber, nylon, synthetic resins and medicines. New industries based on research by USDA laboratory at Peoria, Illinois. Processes described in new bulletin, "Dry Grinding of Agricultural Residues, A New Industrial Enterprise," available from Northern Research Laboratory, U.S.D.A., Peoria, Illinois.

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POULTRY

"Seven Ways to Greater Egg Profit" is title of new pamphlet by Poultry Branch, PMA, USDA. Extra profit comes from higher quality eggs. Seven steps: (1) keep flock penned up; (2) clean, dry litter and (3) nesting material; (4) gather eggs twice daily; (5) use wire baskets; (6) cool quickly and keep cool; (7) high humidity in storage room. Copies of leaflet available from Office of Information Services, PMA, USDA, Washington 25, D. C.

Production of liquid and frozen eggs was down, dried egg production increased during July, compared with year ago. Production of all types considerable under average production for July, 1946-50.

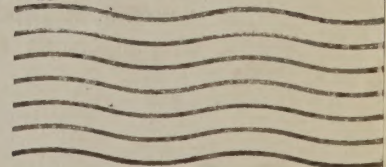
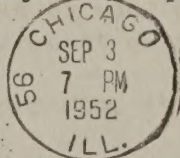
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DAIRY

USDA has provided schools participating in School Lunch program with formulas for special breads high in dry milk content. Schools may contract with local bakeries for making bread according to formulas.

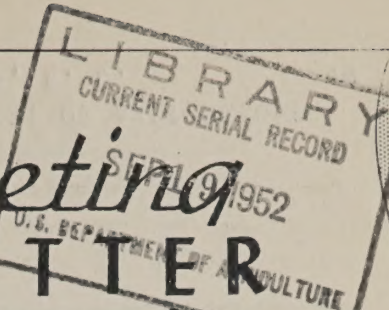
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

September 10, 1952

FOREIGN TRADE

Agricultural exports up, imports down during last year. U. S. exported \$4,042 million worth of agricultural products during 12 months ended June, 1952; compares with \$3,410 million during preceding year. Exports of all commodities were \$15,477 million and \$12,584 million during same years.

Cotton was biggest export item on dollar basis \$1,188 million, largest in 35 years. Wheat and flour also were over \$1 billion mark; tobacco next, about 1/3 billion dollars. These three made up 64% of agricultural exports. Compared with previous year, 1951-2 year had larger exports of cotton, wheat, rice, condensed milk, pork, lard, tallow, fresh and canned fruits; less of butter, cheese, dried milk, eggs, corn, soybeans, peanuts.

Imports of agricultural products during last shipping year valued at \$4,692 million, against \$5,146 million year earlier. Imports of all commodities were \$10.4 and \$10.7 billion.

More details in "U.S. Foreign Trade in Agricultural Products" available from Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, U.S.D.A., Washington 25, D. C.

FARMERS IN SEVEN DROUGHT-STRICKEN SOUTHERN STATES NOW MAY ORDER HAY AT REDUCED PRICES THROUGH PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION. TEXAS AND ARKANSAS ADDED THIS WEEK; KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, AND GEORGIA PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING HAY SHIPMENTS FROM MIDWEST.

DAIRY

Manufacturers of nonfat dry milk solids got highest prices on record, despite largest stocks on record, during July of this year. Production for month was over 85 million pounds; total since January 1, 570 million, 14% over year ago. Manufacturers' stocks were 161 million pounds, 26% over year ago. USDA purchases for price support, to date, 28 million pounds.

Production of evaporated and condensed milk was lowest for any July in dozen years. Evaporated milk production was 271 million lbs.; cumulative total for year, 1.7 billion. Condensed milk production in July, 3.5 million lbs.; for 7 months, 36.6 million lbs.

U. S. EXPORTED 32.3 MILLION BUSHELS OF GRAIN DURING JULY, ABOUT TWO-THIRDS WHEAT, MACARONI, AND FLOUR. JULY 1951 EXPORTS WERE 46.6 MILLION BUSHELS OF ALL GRAINS. EXPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 TOTALED 667 MILLION BUSHELS, COMPARED WITH 615 MILLION BUSHELS DURING 1950-51.

GRAIN

Commodity Credit Corporation sold 5.9 million bushels of wheat under International Wheat Agreement during week ended September 2. Sales of 1,775,000 bushels of wheat and flour to Indonesia were canceled during week; effective September 8, sales to Indonesia will require permit issued by government of that country. Sales to Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Panama authorized effective same date. Ecuador and Nicaragua governments require special authorization. Sales to Panama require no import license. U. S. grain exporters cautioned that sales to Panama may quickly exceed quota.

Farmers put 169 million bushels of 1952 wheat under price support, through August 15. This compares with 68 million bushels to end of August last year. Kansas, with 83 million bushels, led list of states.

EQUIPMENT

USDA expects adequate supplies of machinery and equipment for harvesting this year's crops. Enough cans and other containers. Dairy processors report shortage of stainless steel equipment. USDA has tightened allocations of steel for new construction, limiting approvals to projects which cannot be postponed.

Meat production under federal inspection week ended September 6, 288 million lbs., 10% below week ago. Except for hogs, slaughter increased 9% over year ago. Increase accounted for by greater production of beef resulting from seasonally liberal supplies of both grass and fed cattle.

PRICE SUPPORT

Commodity Credit Corporation supported farm prices at much lower cost during 1951-52 fiscal year than in previous year. Loss during year ended June 30 was \$67 million, compared with \$345 million year earlier. Previous year's loss increased by price supports on eggs and potatoes which were not in effect last fiscal year. CCC's investment at end of fiscal year was \$1.4 billion, with about \$1.1 billion represented by inventory of commodities acquired through earlier purchases or loans. Remainder made up of loans to farmers. \$500 million worth of corn was biggest item in inventory. During fiscal year, U. S. farmers and manufacturers used about 100 million bushels more corn than was produced, and drew on reserve supplies owned by CCC.

PRODUCTION OF MUSTARD SEED THIS YEAR ESTIMATED AT 15.5 MILLION POUNDS, GROWN ALMOST ENTIRELY IN MONTANA. GROWERS IN OTHER AREAS SWITCHING TO OTHER CROPS. THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION ONLY ABOUT HALF OF AVERAGE. IMPORTS LAST YEAR REACHED RECORD LEVEL, 25 MILLION POUNDS, MOSTLY FROM CANADA AND NETHERLANDS.

POULTRY

More poultry went into cans during July than in same month in past years: 15 million pounds, compared with 12 million last year and average of 9 million for preceding 10 years.

PMA inspectors certified 62 million pounds of poultry during July, almost 14 million pounds for canning, 48 million pounds for sale as eviscerated, ready-to-cook birds for sale. About 20% increase over July last year.

TOBACCO

Demand for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco probably will continue good, but exports of tobacco will fall off as Britain and other European countries reduce imports to save dollars. Domestic cigarette production expected to be about same as 422 billion cigarettes made in 1951-52. Production this year is down, because of drought in main producing areas, but carryover from last crop year is enough to keep supplies up to last year's level.

Almost 99% of growers of flue-cured tobacco voted in favor of marketing quotas in recent referendum. More than two-thirds favored quotas for three years. USDA has announced quotas will be in force for three years beginning July 1, 1953.

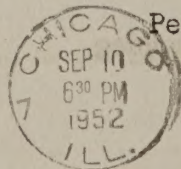
USDA RECRUITING AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS FOR JOBS IN MIDDLE EAST, TURKEY, AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ, ETC. GREATEST DEMAND FOR SPECIALISTS IN SOILS, AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISES, RANGE MANAGEMENT. SALARIES \$6 - 11,000. AGES 30-60. APPLY TO PERSONNEL OFFICE, USDA, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

LIVESTOCK

More cattle coming to market, prices off. Past week has seen more stockers and feeders coming from western ranges for resale in Midwest for further fattening on grain. Spring pigs arriving in increased numbers and hog prices taking usual fall decline. Market pattern of past week in line with general situation as viewed by USDA. Livestock economists forecast cattle feeders may make more profit this fall and winter than year ago because feeder cattle have dropped more in price than fat animals. Commercial meat production in U. S. during first half of year 5% over same period of 1951.

Proposed changes in regulations under Packers and Stockyards Act being discussed at hearings held by USDA this week and next at Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Indianapolis and other cities. Representatives of livestock farmers, commission sales firms, stockyard operators, meat packers have opportunity to speak. Regulations have remained unchanged for 10 years.

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CROPS-1952

Based on September 1 conditions, volume of all 1952 crops nearly equal to 1949, second largest crop year of record. Only 6% less than record 1948.

Despite drouth in South, feed grain crops forecast at 117 million tons, 3 million more than last year but less than 1948-49-50. Total includes; corn, 3,185 million bus.; oats, 1,264 million bus.; barley, 221 million bus.; grain sorghums, 72 million bus.. Hay crop expected to total over 102 million tons.

All wheat total, 1,298 million bus., second largest on record; rice, 46,218,000 bags (100 lbs.) all time record; dry beans, 15.5 million bags (100 lbs.); dry peas, 2,697,000 bags.

Oilseeds: soybeans, 276 million bus.; peanuts, 1,188 million lbs.; flaxseed, 30.7 million bus.; cottonseed total estimated 11% less than 1951. Total all oilseeds estimated 20% above average.

Potatoes, 338 million bus., 12 million more than last year. Aggregate tonnage 9 major truck crops for processing, 20% less than 1951, but 9% above average.

Cotton crop estimate reduced to 13,889,000 bales, drop of 886,000 bales from August 1 indications. Tobacco prospects, however, improved during month with crop of 2,210,435,000 lbs. indicated September 1.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC Commodity Offices report following sales last week, from stocks acquired under price support operations: corn, 824,414 bus.; wheat, 16,100 bus.; oats, 7,102 bus.; soybeans, 224 bus.; barley, 30,000 bus.; edible beans, 19,278 cwt.; Austrian Winter Peas, 6,587 cwt.; field seeds, 8,392 lbs..

PLENTIFUL FOODS

Honey, turkeys, and table grapes head the list of foods PMA reports will be in abundant supply throughout the Midwest during October. Turkey crop is a record 59 million birds, honey crop near record 250 million lbs..

October list includes: stewing chickens, apples, raisins, cheddar cheese, nonfat dry milk solids, fresh and frozen fish, lard and salad oils, vegetable shortening and table fat, cabbage and carrots.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Liberal marketings of all livestock classes credited for increasing meat production under federal inspection last week to 325 million lbs., about .38 million above preceding week and 6% more than same week 1951. Week's cattle slaughter totaled 303,000 head, largest since 1949; calf slaughter, second largest this year; sheep and lambs, largest in 3 years, hogs, largest since June.

Inspected meat output included: beef, 164.8 million lbs.; veal, 16.1 million lbs.; pork, 131.8 million lbs.; lamb and mutton, 12.7 million lbs..

Big supply of livestock sent prices reeling at midwest markets last week, with cattle prices down 50¢ to \$1.50 from a week earlier and \$7 to \$9 below a year ago. Hogs closed the week 50¢ to \$1.00 lower; slaughter lambs, from steady to as much as \$2.00 lower.

FARM INCOME

Farmers' cash receipts from marketings, first 8 months of 1952, estimated \$18.9 billion, 3% more than same 1951 period. However they sold about 5% more products than year earlier, and prices paid by farmers for production items (including interest, taxes and wage rates) increased 4%. Receipts for livestock and products, about \$11.9 billion, down 4%; and for crops \$7 billion, about 18% more than in same months of 1951.

Farmers in seven drought-stricken states in the South have ordered 112,447 tons of hay from Midwest through last week.

GRAINS

With U.S. 1952 rice crop forecast at 46,218,000 bags (100 lbs), largest of record USDA announced September 10 export allocations totalling 7,280,000 bags for period August 1-December 31, 1952. At same time Department added rice to the "Positive List", making all exports valued at more than \$25, except those to Canada, subject to a validated license. Order effective September 11, but excepts rice in transit as result of actual export orders before effective date.

The 1953 wheat crop will be supported at not less than national average of \$2.21 per bu. reflecting 90% of August 1 parity of \$2.46. Support for the 1952 crop averaged \$2.20. If wheat parity price July 1, 1953 is higher, support level will be increased to reflect 90% of parity.

Department has raised level of 1953 price supports for feed grains to 85% of parity, from 80% in effect this year to encourage greater production of crops needed for high level production of meat, milk and other animal products. Next season's support rates: oats, 78¢; barley, \$1.22; rye, \$1.42; grain sorghums, \$2.38 per cwt.

Sales under International Wheat Agreement, September 3-9 totalled 11,856,000 bus. (including 362,450 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Cumulative U. S. sales under 1952-53 IWA quotas, 66,818,000 bus. Principal buyers --Germany, U.K., Japan, and Portugal.

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VEGETABLES

Prospective 1952 tonnage 9 major truck crops for commercial processing indicated September 1 at 5,550,000 tons, 20% less than 1951, but 9% above average. Crops included usually account for 90% of total for processing. Not included are cucumbers for pickles, asparagus, open market purchases of cabbage for kroun, and fall spinach. Tonnage estimates smaller than for 1951 for all nine crops except sweet corn. However production above average for all crops except beets and pimientos.

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POULTRY

USDA bought 197,600 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkeys from 1952 crop, under surplus removal program. Turkeys will be delivered during October for distribution to non-profit school lunch programs. Department will consider offers each Tuesday, through January 29, 1953, under program intended to maintain prices at fair levels for turkey growers. Purchases will be limited to capacity of available outlets.

Farm flocks laid 4.2 billion eggs during August, 1% more than August, 1951, and 10% more than the August average, 1941-50. Production first eight months of 1952 totals 43.4 billion eggs, 3% more than last year and 7% above average.

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FATS AND OILS

National average support price for 1953-crop flaxseed will be \$3.79 per bu., compared with \$3.77 for 1952 crop. Planting will soon be under way in Texas, Arizona and California.

New Orleans PMA Commodity office last week sold 602,000 lbs. peanuts for edible use, and 60,000 lbs. tung oil. This office currently offering 4,632,860 lbs. crude cottonseed oil for sale at fixed price, and will purchase refined cottonseed oil from crude oil purchasers on competitive bid basis.

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AUGUST MILK PRODUCTION ESTIMATED 10.2 BILLION LBS.,
3% LESS THAN YEAR EARLIER, AND SMALLEST FOR MONTH
SINCE 1940. PRODUCTION JANUARY-AUGUST, 1952, TOTALS
81.2 BILLION LBS., ABOUT 1.3 BILLION LBS. BELOW SAME
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September 24, 1952

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC reports \$1,517,351,000 invested in price support loans and inventories on July 31. Of total, loans outstanding on commodities under support amounted to \$440,718,000, and inventories were valued at \$1,076,633,000.

Price support operations in tobacco, wheat, corn and cotton accounted for 95% of loans. Major inventory items were: corn, 309.7 million bus.; wheat, 145.6 million bus.; linseed oil, 198.6 million lbs.; dry edible beans, 4.2 million cwt.; field seeds, 369.1 million lbs.; cottonseed oil, 90.1 million lbs.; barley, 8.7 million bus.; gum rosin, 164.8 million lbs.

Net loss carrying out program during July amounted to \$3,092,000, due largely to disposition of dried eggs acquired under 1950 price support.

Chicago PMA Commodity Office reports sales during period September 12 to 18 from inventories in six Midwest states: corn, 636,186 bus., wheat, 2,301 bus.; barley, 376 bus. Stocks acquired under price support.

USDA COOPERATING WITH BEEKEEPERS TO FOSTER INCREASED HONEY CONSUMPTION DURING OCTOBER. CONGRESS ORDERED USDA TO SUPPORT PRICE OF HONEY BECAUSE BEES POLLINATE MOST FRUITS AND LEGUME CROPS ON WHICH LIVESTOCK FEED. COST OF PRICE SUPPORT COULD BE REDUCED OR ELIMINATED IF ALL 250 MILLION POUNDS ANNUAL PRODUCTION WENT TO CONSUMERS. MANY RETAILERS, CHAINS, OTHERS IN FOOD TRADE PLANNING SPECIAL ADVERTISING, DISPLAYS, OTHER MERCHANDISING EFFORTS DURING OCTOBER.

POULTRY

USDA bought 120,000 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkey last week to provide outlet for temporary turkey surpluses. Purchases included 60,000 lbs. in California, 60,000 in Missouri, for delivery during October. Total acquisitions to date, 317,600 lbs.

August output of chicks by commercial hatcheries totalled 75.5 million, 15% less than August 1951, but 58% more than the 1946-50 August average. Demand for chicks for broiler production continues strong, with hatching eggs the limiting factor in output. Eggs in incubators September 1, 1% smaller than year earlier.

Farm prices for eggs averaged 48.3¢ per dozen in mid-August, up 5¢ from mid-July, and compared with 49.6¢ in mid-August, 1951.

U. S. FARM BALANCE SHEET

Assets of U. S. farmers, valued at current prices, stood at \$169 billion January 1, 1952, nearly \$15 billion more than a year earlier. Increase due largely to higher prices of items in the inventory. Livestock, crops, real estate, equipment, and home furnishings. Omitting the increases, value of the physical assets increased about 2 to 3% during 1951.

During the year, liabilities increased 10%. Real estate debt rose 8% to \$6.3 billion. Non-real estate debt (excluding CCC loans) rose 21% to \$7.3 billion. Since 1946 farm mortgage debt has increased about 35%, non-real estate farm debt (excluding CCC loans), 153%.

Despite the debt rise, equities of farm owners and operators now amount to \$155 billion, 91% of all farm assets.

1952 CROP OF OLIVE OIL WILL BE SUPPORTED IN SAME MANNER AS 1951 CROP. PROGRAM INCLUDES OFFERS OF CCC LOANS AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AT \$2.50 PER GALLON FOR OIL MEETING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

GRAINS

Sales U. S. wheat under International Wheat Agreement, September 10-16 inc., 4,566,000 bus., (including 708,916 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Cumulative sales under 1952-53 IWA quotas, 71,384,000 bus.

U. S. total wheat supplies for current marketing year, July 1, 1952 through June 30, 1953, estimated by BAE at 1,577 million bus. Includes July 1 carryover 254 million bus., 1952 crop of 1,298 million bus., and expected import of 25 million bus. for cattle feeding.

Tentative BAE estimates of 1952-53 disappearance: domestic, 700 million bus., including consumption in U. S. and territories, 500 million bus., feed use, 115 million bus., seed, 88 million bus., balance industrial use. With expected exports down to 325 million bus., carryover July 1, 1953 would be about 550 million bus. This compares with the 1941-51 average carryover of 335 million bus., but is well below the record 631 million of 1942.

Cold Storage Holdings August 31, with net changes.

Cooler	Holdings	Net Change	Freezer	Holdings	Net Change
Commodities	Aug. 31	during Aug.	Commodities	Aug. 31	during Aug.
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.		1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Apples	10,992	3,648	Fruits	314,912	9,271
Pears	190,500	137,100	Vegetables	467,237	81,743
Dried & ev.fts.	51,275	809	Cream	46,120	582
Nuts & nutmeats	106,975	23,191	Cream'y butter	112,173	12,422
Cheese	255,175	15,543	Eggs	144,801	18,558
Shell eggs	97,200	25,560	Poultry	141,631	15,414
Dried eggs	7,690	1,670	Beef	149,668	4,273
Beef	7,070	341	Pork	261,852	128,681
Pork	139,988	12,186	Sausage	7,054	629
Sausage	9,094	353	Lamb & mutton	11,230	584
Canned meats	35,858	5,973	Veal	10,583	491
Lard & pork fat	122,759	9,824	Edible offal	61,052	4,427
Other	377,137	32,627	Other	479,096	15,481
Total	1,411,713	109,011	Total	2,207,409	84,702

Into-storage movement frozen vegetables, 109 million lbs., record for August. Meat stocks decreased 157 million lbs., with total pork down to 402 million lbs., compared with 823 million April 30. August 31 cooler utilization 63%, freezer, 78%, both unchanged from July 31.

PERSONS EMPLOYED ON U.S. FARMS LAST WEEK OF AUGUST ESTIMATED 11,428,000, 2% LESS THAN A YEAR EARLIER, ACCORDING TO BAE, DECREASE IN LINE WITH TREND OF RECENT YEARS. OF TOTAL 3,139,000 WERE HIRED WORKERS, BALANCE FAMILY LABOR. WAGE RATES FOR FARM LABOR JULY 1, 1952 HIGHEST IN NATION'S HISTORY, 506% OF 1910-14 AVERAGE FOR DATE.

U. S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS-IMPORTS

Agricultural exports during July estimated by USDA at \$169,399,000, down 33% from July 1951. Leading list were: wheat, \$42 million; rice, \$14 million; tobacco, \$12.5 million. Drop was expected. It's attributed to increased food production and dollar shortage in importing countries.

July imports of agricultural products valued at \$328,424,000. Major items were coffee, rubber, sugar, and wool.

DAIRY

Retail prices for standard grade milk delivered to homes in 24 major cities early in September averaged 23.4¢ per quart, slight increase from August, 1.1¢ higher than year earlier, and 3.5¢ per quart higher than the September 1946-50 average for these cities.

Preliminary report of 1951 dairy products output: creamery butter, 1,202,981,930, down 13% from 1950 and second lowest in last 25 years; all cheese, 1,160,926,000, 3% below 1950 (American cheese, 873.1 million lbs., down 2% from 1950); evaporated milk, 2,893 million lbs., slight increase over 1950; nonfat dry milk solids, 702.4 million lbs., down 20% from year earlier; ice cream, 568 million gallons, up 13 million from 1950.

USDA currently offering for sale 1,100,000 lbs. cheddar cheese and 448,348 lbs. Extra and Standard grade nonfat dry milk powder. Products stored in Midwest, acquired under price support operations.

SUGAR DISTRIBUTION BY PRIMARY DISTRIBUTORS JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 1952 ESTIMATED 5,902,680 SHORT TONS, RAW VALUE, COMPARED WITH 5,643,867 TONS IN SAME 1951 PERIOD.

Meat production under USDA inspection week ended September 30 estimated 317 million lbs., 3% below preceding week, but 6% more than same week a year ago. Slaughter all species but hogs above last year.

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October 1, 1952

GRAIN

U.S. exports of grain and grain products, July-August 1952, estimated 64,479,000 bus., compared with 102,631,000 bus. in same 1951 period. Shipments included 44.8 million bus. wheat and products, 5.5 million bus. corn, 3.8 million bus. grain sorghums, 8.7 million bus. barley, and 245,000 bus. rye. Coarse grain products not included in sub-totals.

European countries took 38%, Central and South America 28%, Far East, 24%, balance to African countries, Near East, and others.

U. S. sales under International Wheat Agreement, September 17-23: 7,737,000 bus., including 201,745 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent. Cumulative U.S. sales under 1952-53 quotas 79,121,000 bus.

CCC has approved contract with New York firm for exchange of 975,000 bus. CCC-owned wheat for 42,500 metric tons ammonium sulphate of Western European origin, delivered to Formosa for Mutual Security Agency. Wheat priced at current market value; ammonium sulphate at price approved by General Services Administration. Wheat to be exported to Western European country.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales last week for domestic use or export, from inventories acquired under price support: corn, 755,361 bus.; wheat 288,134 bus.; barley, 111,079 bus.; oats, 6,126 bus.; edible beans, 57,227 cwt.; Austrian Winter peas, 3,226 cwt.

CCC inventories of grains estimated as of September 22, (million bus.): corn, 300; wheat, 155.2; barley, 4.9; grain sorghums, 0.2; oats, 4.5; rye, 0.1.

FARMERS IN DROUGHT STATES HAVE ORDERED 198,040 TONS OF HAY WITH PMA COMMITTEES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29 UNDER USDA EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM. ORDERS ARE BEING FILLED BY PMA COUNTRY COMMITTEES IN 5 MIDWEST SURPLUS HAY STATES.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Livestock slaughter and meat production continued to increase during September as marketings rose seasonally. Meat output for month expected to exceed September 1951, with gains for beef, veal, and lambs offsetting reduction in pork.

Meat production this fall and winter, according to BAE, will continue larger than a year earlier. Beef and veal will provide most if not all of increase. There'll be less pork due to 9% smaller spring pig crop.

In midwest markets last week livestock prices continued downward drift. Wholesale prices most meats declined also. Choice and prime heavyweight steers were at new two year low levels, and slaughter lambs were lowest priced in three years. Hog prices improved somewhat, supported by mild upswing in dressed pork prices.

DAIRY

Termination of import controls on two important varieties Italian cheese and one variety Stilton or blue mold cheese: revised quota for varieties of Italian cheese remaining under control; and a million lb. increased quota for Edam and Gouda cheese, announced September 23 by USDA. Effective October 1.

Department also announced authorization of 15% additional imports on all commodities subject to import quotas, as permitted by law in the interests of international trade and relations. Import controls on these commodities remain unchanged.

USDA has approved amendment of Cedar Rapids-Iowa City milk order increasing differential for determining minimum Class I (fluid) milk prices to producers an average of 6.5¢ per cwt. Change must be approved by area's milk producers before becoming effective.

TOTAL COST OF ALL LABOR ENGAGED IN MARKETING FARM-FOOD PRODUCTS IN 1951 ESTIMATED BY BAE AT \$13.2 BILLION. THIS COMPARES WITH \$9.3 BILLION IN 1946, AND AVERAGE OF \$4.2 BILLION IN 1935-39. MOST OF INCREASE SINCE 1946 REFLECTED IN HIGHER WAGE RATES RATHER THAN INCREASE IN WORKERS. IN 1951 ABOUT 4.6 MILLION WORKERS WERE ENGAGED IN MARKETING FARM PRODUCTS. THIS COMPARES WITH 4.4 MILLION IN 1946 AND AN AVERAGE OF 3.6 MILLION IN 1945-39.

MEAT PRODUCTION

Federally inspected meat production week ended September 27, estimated 306 million lbs., 4% less than preceding week but 2% above same 1951 week. Beef output down. Hog slaughter exceeded million mark first time since June but still below year ago.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Recent USDA announcements: Florida tangerines, new standards for grades effective October 18; dried currants, revised standards effective October 20; shelled pecans, changes providing more stringent grade requirements and adding two grades, effective October 19; frozen diced carrots, revision of standards proposed; almonds, revised standards effective October 30.

Actions by Marketing Agreement administrative agencies: Salable percentage 1952-crop dried prunes established at 100%; in-shell filberts, 66%; surplus 34%; in-shell walnuts, 80%, surplus, 20%.

USDA purchases for school lunch distribution: canned green peas, 45,260 cases; canned green snap beans, 128,518 cases; canned tomatoes, 409,420 cases; canned tomato paste, 124,480 cases.

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USDA'S EASTERN REGIONAL RESEARCH LABORATORY IN PHILADELPHIA HAS DEVELOPED A NEW "SUPERCONCENTRATED" GRAPE JUICE WHICH CAN BE DILUTED WITH 6 PARTS OF WATER TO ONE PART JUICE TO MAKE 75% MORE FULL STRENGTH JUICE THAN CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SAME VOLUME FROZEN CONCENTRATED GRAPE JUICE NOW ON THE MARKET. DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY, USDA, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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POULTRY

Purchases of frozen ready-to-cook turkey last week under surplus removal program amounted to 2,940,000 lbs. Of total 2 million lbs. bought in California and Oregon, 210,000 in Texas, and balance in 5 Midwest states. Distribution to school lunch programs. Total acquisitions under program, 3,257,000 lbs.

USDA has requested vendors to submit offers for 15,000 cases shell eggs to replace similar quantity contracted for last spring on which sellers failed to make delivery.

During August, 16,229,000 lbs. poultry was canned or used in canning, compared with 14,060,000 a year earlier and the 1946-50 August average of 11,021,000 lbs. During month 69,109,000 lbs. was certified under Federal inspection, including 53,351,000 eviscerated for sale.

Liquid egg output in August totalled 12.1 million lbs., compared with 13.7 million in August 1951, and 1946-50 average for August, 30.7 million lbs. Dried egg production during month, 1,140,000 lbs.

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FATS AND OILS

Oilseed crops in U. S. this year 7% less than last year though nearly 20% above average. Soybean crop now estimated 276 million bus., compared with average of 202 million. Peanuts, on small acreage, estimated 1,188 million lbs., less than 60% of average. Flaxseed at 30.7 million bus., is nearly 10% less than 1951, and cottonseed outturn may be 11% below last year.

Peanut supply in commercial positions August 31 amounted to 328 million lbs., farmers stock equivalent, -- about a third less than holdings a year earlier. Disappearance of shelled peanuts, including oil stock for crushing, totalled 759 million lbs. through the season ending August 31, 28% less than preceding season. Candy makers used about 1% less than the year before while 4% more were used as salted peanuts.

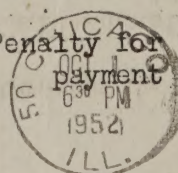
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COFFEE GROWERS AND DRINKERS WILL BENEFIT FROM NEW CHEMICAL CURING PROCESS DEVELOPED AT SALVADOR-U.S. COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION. FOR GROWERS IT OFFERS A QUICKER, CHEAPER, AND MORE CERTAIN CURING METHOD FOR FREEING THE COFFEE BEAN FROM GELATINOUS COAT, NOW REMOVED BY FERMENTATION. FOR DRINKERS IT MEANS MORE UNIFORM PRODUCT, BETTER FLAVOR AND AROMA, AND, PERHAPS IN TIME, LOWER COST.

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GRAIN

Price support level of 1952-crop corn will be \$1.60 per bu., national average price, reflecting 90% of October 1 parity price of \$1.78. Support average 1951 crop was \$1.57. Loans and purchase agreements available to farmers from harvest through May 31, 1953, to mature July 31, 1953.

October program of commercial and government exports of 1,393,000 long tons of bulk bread grains, coarse grains and oilseeds announced October 1 by USDA. Department also scheduled preliminary programs of 1,223,000 tons for November and same quantity for December.

October program, 130,000 tons above preliminary schedule announced August 1, consists of about 39 million bus. bread grains, and 13 million bus. coarse grains and oilseeds. For November and December, 30 million bus. bread grains, 16 million bus. coarse grains and oilseeds each month.

Stocks of old-crop dry beans in commercial storage September 1 totalled 4,601,000 bags, cleaned basis. Farm stocks 34,000 bags. Comparable figures for September 1, 1951 not available. Same date 1950, commercial storage stocks 9,785,000 bags, farm stocks 34,000 bags. (CCC holdings included.)

Stocks of old-crop dry peas, 672,000 bags against 1,286,000 bags September 1, 1950. Above reports do not include split peas or dry beans and peas in direct consumption channels.

PMA Commodity offices report sales last week, for domestic use or export, from stocks acquired under price support operations: corn, 698,309 bus.; wheat, 202,785 bus.; oats, 3,616 bus.; barley, 62,662 bus.; flax, 1,600 bus.; edible beans, 77,061 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 3,617 cwt.; field seeds, 2,000 lbs.; corn screenings, 3,517 cwt.

U.S. Sales under International Wheat Agreement, September 24-30 inc., 5,369,000 bus. (including 553,827 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent.) Sales since 1952-53 quotas opened total 84,490,000 bus.

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SECRETARY BRANNAN HAS SET MARKETING QUOTA OF 77 MILLION LBS. FOR CIGAR-FILLER AND BINDER TOBACCO FOR 1953. PRODUCERS WILL VOTE FOR OR AGAINST IN REFERENDUM OCTOBER 29. PRODUCERS IN ILLINOIS, IOWA, INDIANA, WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA AND OHIO VOTE IN REFERENDUM.

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COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Commodities acquired by CCC under price support operations and available for domestic sale during October are: nonfat dry milk solids, raw linseed oil, refined cottonseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, wheat, oats, barley, corn, grain sorghums, and 14 varieties field seeds. Although these commodities offered specifically for domestic sale, they are also eligible for export sale at domestic sale prices.

Commodities for export at specific export prices during October: cottonseed oil, dry edible beans, Austrian winter peas, wheat, oats, barley, corn.

Sales January 1-September 19 from domestic list totalled \$82,147,534; from export list, \$31,072,305.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received by farmers for their products declined 2% from mid-August to mid-September, while prices farmers paid, including interest, taxes and wages, declined 1%. Lower prices received for meat animals, commercial truck crops, potatoes and some fruits were only partly offset by higher prices of dairy products, cotton, wheat, and eggs. Prices paid by farmers for most feeds and household furnishings increased but those for feeder livestock, vegetables, and meat were lower.

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LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Meat production in commercial plants (federally inspected and other, except farm slaughter during August 1952) totalled 1,582 million lbs., less than 1% above July, about 5% less than August 1951 output.

Commercial meat production first eight months of 1952 estimated 13,568 million lbs., 4% above output of same 1951 period. Most of 1952 increase based on beef output of 5,942 million lbs., 346 million more than the 1951 period.

Meat production under federal inspection, week ended October 4, estimated 319 million lbs., up 4% from the preceding week and 5% above the same week in 1951. Increases based on larger marketings all species except sheep and lambs over preceding week. Hog kill 10% under 1951 week for fourth successive week.

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POULTRY

USDA bought 3,195,000 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook 1952-crop turkeys last week for distribution to school lunch programs. Total purchases under program, 6,452,600 lbs. Most of last week's purchases made in midwest states.

Starting October 3, USDA will buy turkeys twice each week under current removal program. Acceptances of offers made not later than noon Tuesday will be made following Friday, acceptances under Friday offers the following Tuesday.

Average prices received by farmers September 15, 1952, and one year ago: eggs, 48.7¢ and 55¢ per doz; all chickens, live, 26.3¢ and 26.4¢ per lb.; turkeys 33.2¢ and 36.3¢ per lb. On September 15 average egg prices were 86% of parity, chickens, 82%, and turkeys, 83%.

FARMERS IN DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF 8 SOUTHERN STATES PLACED ORDERS WITH THE CHICAGO PMA COMMODITY OFFICE FOR 209,115 TONS OF HAY THROUGH OCTOBER 3. ORDERS FORWARDED TO PMA COUNTY COMMITTEES TO BE FILLED BY FARMERS IN 5 MIDWEST STATES. SHIPMENTS ORDERED TO DATE, 11,467 CARS, EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT 138,000 TONS.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

U.S. household purchases of oranges in form of fresh fruit, frozen concentrated juice and single strength juice during August equivalent of 5,297,000 cases, 15% above August 1951. Increase due to 91% greater purchases of frozen concentrated juice, offsetting 12% and 29% reductions respectively in buying of fresh oranges and canned single strength juice.

August purchases of grapefruit, fresh, canned and frozen concentrate, amounted to 1,359,000 cases. Lemons, all forms, 834,000 cases.

USDA has purchased 209,100 cases canned clingstone peaches for school lunch distribution October 20-November 22.

Department has proposed amendment of U.S. standards for grades of canned grapefruit, changing the drained weight requirement of Grade A quality from 60 to 58% of capacity in containers smaller than No. 2 cans.

DAIRY

USDA has approved several changes relating chiefly to pricing and payment provisions of Detroit, Mich. milk marketing order. Must be approved by producers in area before becoming effective. Department also recommends changes in Cleveland, Ohio milk order which would bring order price differentials up to level which handlers have been paying producers for last two years.

CCC reports sale October 1 of 1,119,000 lbs. cheddar cheese recently offered to trade. Cheese sold represents entire quantity acquired during May, June, and July under 1952 price support program for milk and butter fat sold by farmers.

ALTHOUGH FARM MANPOWER IN LATE JULY WAS ABOUT 4% BELOW JULY 1951, STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES INDICATE SEASONAL LABOR DEMANDS GENERALLY BEING MET FROM LOCAL SOURCES AND DOMESTIC MIGRANTS, AUGMENTED BY SOME FOREIGN WORKERS. LACK OF QUALIFIED YEAR-ROUND FARM HELP, HOWEVER REMAINS DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN MANY AREAS.

FATS AND OILS

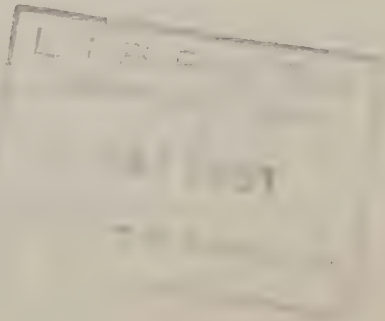
Export allocations, fourth quarter of 1952, for commercial and sulphonated castor oil are 100,000 lbs., for tung oil, 90,000 lbs. Both quantities same as for first three quarters this year.

COTTON

There will be no acreage allotments or marketing quotas on upland or extra staple cotton produced in 1953, Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan announced October 6.

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FARM CROPS--1952

Expected total volume all U.S. farm crops in 1952 second largest of record and only 3% below peak of 1948, based on October 1 conditions.

USDA's Crop Reporting Board computes the all-crop production index at 131% of the 1923-32 base. Only crop season exceeding this was 1948 when index was 135%. Quality of crops good to excellent.

Food grains total 42 million tons, almost equal to 1948 record; including wheat, 1,299 million bus.; a record rice crop of 47.7 million bags (100 lbs.); and relatively small rye and buckwheat crops.

Feed grain total estimated 119 million tons; including second largest corn crop of 3,257 million bus.; virtually all of excellent quality; oats, 1,266 million bus., about average; barley, 222 million bus., down 25%; grain sorghums, 71 million bus., down nearly 50% from average. Hay crop mostly good to excellent in quality, 104 million tons, less than last year, but 2-3/4 million tons above 10-year average.

Oilseed prospects improved during September; soybeans, 286 million bus., near record; flaxseed, 31 million bus.; peanuts, 1,225 million lbs.; and cottonseed, 5,858,000 tons; all up from September 1 estimates.

Grain stocks on farms October 1 (million bus.): corn, 174; wheat, 507; oats, 1,002; barley, 126; rye, 6; flaxseed, 13.4; sorghum grain, 5.8; soybeans, 2.

ORDERS FOR HAY PLACED WITH CHICAGO PMA COMMODITY OFFICE BY FARMERS IN DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF SOUTH TOTALLED 242,672 TONS THROUGH OCTOBER 13. MOST ORDERS FROM TEXAS AND TENNESSEE. SHIPMENTS ORDERED BY PMA COUNTY COMMITTEES IN 5 MIDWEST STATES TOTAL 13,403 CARS, ABOUT 160,000 TONS.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

CCC price support loans and inventories, as of August 31, 1952, amounted to \$1,714,278,000. Corporation sustained net loss of \$8,629,000 carrying out program during July and August.

Of total investment, loans mostly on wheat, tobacco and corn, totalled \$627,053,000. Inventories acquired by price support operations amounted to \$1,087,225,000. Major inventory items August 31 were: wheat, 146 million bus.; corn, 301 million bus.; linseed oil, 197 million lbs.; field seeds, 366 million lbs.; cotton, 238 thousand bales; edible beans, 4 million cwt.; cottonseed oil, 107 million lbs.; peanuts, 119 million lbs.; gum rosin, 165 million lbs.; and barley, 7.6 million bus.

POULTRY

USDA purchases of frozen ready-to-cook turkeys this week for National School Lunches under the current surplus removal program, totalled 1,611,000 lbs., bringing total acquisitions to date to 9,643,600 lbs.

U.S. poultry flocks set a new September record with egg production estimated at 4,108 million eggs, 4% above September 1951 and 22% above September average. Laying flocks were 2% larger than a year ago, but number of potential layers was 10% below average and 5% less than October 1, 1951.

WITH CONTINUED HEAVY MARKETINGS OF ALL TYPES OF LIVESTOCK SPECIES, MEAT PRODUCTION IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS, WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 11, ESTIMATED BY USDA AT 338 MILLION LBS., 6% ABOVE THE PRECEDING WEEK AND 15% GREATER THAN THE SAME WEEK IN 1951. WEEK'S INSPECTED OUTPUT (MILLION LBS.): BEEF, 158.7; VEAL, 18.3; PORK, 149.4; LAMB AND MUTTON, 12.

PLENTIFUL FOODS--NOVEMBER

Turkeys and raisins are featured in the PMA list of foods expected to be in plentiful supply in Midwest during November. Turkey production in 1952 estimated at 59.6 million birds, an all time record. Raisin output, over 290,000 tons, exceeds 1951 by nearly 60,000 tons.

Other plentifuls include: pork, table grapes, honey, cottage cheese, butter milk and nonfat milk powder, salad oils, vegetable shortening, table fat, canned tuna, frozen fish, dry baby lima beans, domestic dried figs, and tree nuts (walnuts, almonds and filberts).

USDA holds annual Outlook Conference next week with economists from all state extension services. Will be followed by reports on probable production and prices of major farm commodities and cost of living during 1953.

GRAINS

PMA Commodity offices report sales last week for domestic use or export: corn, 634,385 bus.; wheat, 161,286 bus.; barley, 53,504 bus.; dry edible beans, 248,893 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 9,228 cwt.; clover, 660 bus.; corn screenings, 97 tons. Sales from inventories acquired under price support.

U. S. farmers placed more than 262 million bus. 1952-crop wheat under price support through September 15. This compares with 121 million bus. from 1951 crop through September 30 last year. Quantities other 1952 crops under support Sept. 15 (million bus.): barley, 2.7; oats, 7.1; grain sorghums, .6; flax, .5; field seeds, 166,920 cwt.; dry edible beans, 24,290 cwt.; rice, 4,409 cwt.

Sales under International Wheat Agreement, October 1-7, totalled 2,781,000 bus. (including 129,169 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Principal buyer, Brazil. Cumulative sales under 1952-53 quotas, 87,271,000 bus.

PRIMARY DISTRIBUTORS IN U. S. DISTRIBUTED 6,398,878 TONS SUGAR (RAW VALUE) FOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY USE FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 4. THIS COMPARED WITH 6,120,666 TONS IN THE SAME 1951 PERIOD. OCTOBER 4 STOCKS REPORTED BY DISTRIBUTORS AMOUNTED TO 700,989 TONS -- SAME DATE LAST YEAR, 956,182 TONS.

VEGETABLES

USDA announced acreage and production goals for 17 vegetables for fresh market of second quarter 1953 at 501,000 acres, 8% more than harvested in 1952. Goals aim at 3% increase in production over this year.

Continued strong demand for fresh and processed vegetables is forecast for 1953 by BAE. With average or better weather farmers are expected to produce more potatoes, sweet potatoes, and most fresh market truck crops than in 1952.

Based on October 1 conditions the 1952 potato crop will total 345,561,000 bus., a 20 million bu. increase over 1951. Production in the surplus late crop states on which the winter and spring domestic supply depends, is forecast at 261 million bus., nearly 25 million bu. more than in 1951.

In case that storage stocks of potatoes are not large enough to fill domestic requirements next spring, a larger acreage and greater production of early spring crop potatoes from Florida, Texas, and California will be key to the supply problem.

DAIRY

USDA economists expect consumer demand for most milk products to continue strong during 1953, and milk production may increase slightly. Prices of dairy products and farmers' receipts from marketings will probably be somewhat higher than 1952.

Milk production in past decade has not increased in line with population growth. Expected milk output in 1952 is 114 billion lbs., about 1.6 billion less than 1951, and compares with high of 119.8 billion lbs. in 1945.

September milk production estimated 9,060 million lbs., lowest for month in four years, and 1% less than September 1951. Production January through September totalled 90,285 million lbs., compared with 91,655 million in the same 1951 period.

USDA milk order actions: recommended increases in Class I milk price differential in South Bend-LaPorte, Indiana area; authorized referendum of producers in Stark County, Ohio milkshed to vote on marketing order in area; raised prices at Cedar Rapids-Iowa City, Iowa in line with prices in adjoining Quad City milkshed.

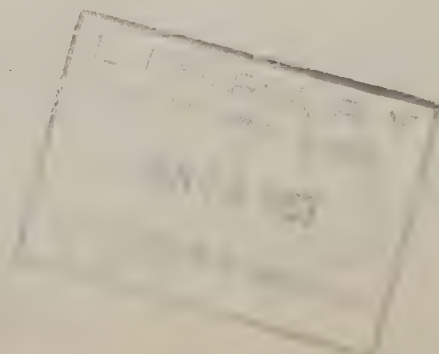
MORE THAN 88% OF ALL U. S. FARMS WERE ELECTRIFIED AS OF JUNE 30, 1952. FARMS WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER NUMBERED 4,740,849, LEAVING 641,285 WITHOUT ELECTRICITY. MICHIGAN LED WITH 98.9%, INDIANA SECOND WITH 97.9%.

COTTON

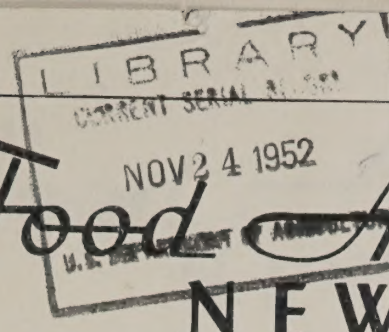
Ideal weather for picking, improved 1952 cotton crop prospects to 14,413,000 bales on October 1, or 4% above the September 1 forecast. Average lint yield per acre estimated 280.2 lbs., about 13 lbs. above average.

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GRAINS

Sales under International Wheat Agreement, confirmed by CCC, October 8-14 inc., totalled 1,323,000 bus. wheat (including 189,649 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Cumulative U. S. sales, 88,594,000 bus.

Alfalfa seed production 1952 forecast at 146.9 million lbs., largest ever harvested in U. S., 40% above 1951 and 91% above 1941-50 average. Seed harvested from 1,089,500 acres, with average of 135 lbs. per acre.

Wheat prospects in Argentina reported excellent by USDA's Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. Production of 240 million bus. likely, barring extraordinary damage from frost or rust. Last year's crop only 75 million bus., due to unfavorable weather conditions.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales last week from inventories acquired under price support operations: corn, 362,203 bus.; wheat, 240,400 bus.; oats, 6,174 bus.; barley, 10,397 bus.; rye, 509 bus.; flax, 87 bus.; edible dry beans, 154,970 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 663 cwt.; field seeds, 295,280 lbs.

VEGETABLES

Commercial truck crops harvested for fresh market during 1952 fall season estimated at 1,760,000 tons, 3% more than 1951, and 8% above 1941-50 average. Estimated production 9 major truck crops for commercial processing 5,790,000 tons, compared with 6,940,000 tons in 1951, and ten year average of 5,090,000 tons.

Tomato output for processing indicated 3,253,140 tons, a fourth less than last year, 11% above 1941-50 average. Sweet corn processors expect harvest of 1,465,400 tons, about 25% larger than 1951 and ten year average output.

USDA WILL SUPPORT 1953-CROP SOYBEANS AT NATIONAL AVERAGE RATE OF \$2.56 PER BU., THROUGH LOANS AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AVAILABLE TO PRODUCERS FROM TIME OF HARVEST THROUGH JANUARY, 1954. BEANS MUST GRADE NO. 4 OR BETTER, WITH NOT MORE THAN 14% MOISTURE. 1952-CROP SUPPORT RATE WAS ALSO \$2.56.

DAIRY

Retail prices for standard grade milk delivered to homes in 25 major cities in early October averaged 23.6¢ per quart, 1/10¢ higher than September and 1.2¢ higher than October 1951. Milk dealers average buying price for Class I milk of 3.5% butter fat content in more than 100 cities was \$5.66 per cwt., 11¢ above September and 36¢ above a year earlier.

FEED SUPPLIES

USDA estimates total feed supply for coming season at 165 million tons, 3% under 1951-52 but larger than 1946-50 average of 162.3 million tons.

Carryover stocks October 1 were about 20 million tons, 9 million less than year earlier. Feed grain production this year 119 million tons, 5 million tons above 1951. Total includes 91 million tons corn, 20 million tons oats, 5 million tons barley, 2 million tons grain sorghums. Other grains fed expected to total 5 million tons. By-product feeds, e.g. soybean and cottonseed cakes and meal, estimated about 21.7 million tons.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Cattle on feed October 1 in Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska, three most important feeding states, numbered 1,258,000 head --- 14% more than year earlier. Numbers rose 5% in Iowa, 25% in Illinois, and 23% in Nebraska. Survey indicates feeders plan to market 69% of the cattle by January 1, 1953.

Although cattle slaughter increased this year, numbers on farms January 1, 1953 expected to total 93 million against 88 million at start of 1952, according to BAE.

Total meat output during 1953 may equal 1947 peacetime high. Per capita consumption forecast at 144 lbs., less than 1947 because of population increase, but 2 lbs. more than 1952.

LARGEST CATTLE SLAUGHTER SINCE 1947 AND BIGGER HOG MARKETINGS BOOSTED MEAT PRODUCTION UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION TO 364 MILLION LBS. IN WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 18. OUTPUT LARGEST FOR ANY WEEK SINCE JANUARY. WEEKS TOTAL 7% ABOVE PRECEDING WEEK, 21% ABOVE SAME WEEK IN 1951. PRODUCTION: (MILLION LBS.): BEEF, 169.5; VEAL, 17.9; PORK, 162.3; LAMB AND MUTTON, 14.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS SEPTEMBER 30, 1952

Cooler			Freezer		
Commodities	Holdings Sept. 30 1,000 lb.	Net Change During Sept. 1,000 lb.	Commodities	Holdings Sept. 30 1,000 lb.	Net Change during Sept. 1,000 lb.
Apples	269,520	- 258,096	Fruits	325,271	- 8,017
Pears	226,300	- 32,900	Vegetables	524,406	- 61,395
Dried & ev.fts.	43,186	- 8,409	Cream	42,434	- 4,098
Nuts & nutmeats	76,539	- 31,721	Cream'y butter	110,571	- 829
Cheese	260,454	- 6,891	Eggs	121,754	- 22,572
Shell Eggs	76,140	- 21,465	Poultry	182,690	- 38,182
Dried Eggs	6,682	- 1,133	Beef	160,179	- 10,501
Beef	6,914	- 170	Pork	158,888	- 103,836
Pork	127,293	- 17,541	Sausage	6,539	- 694
Sausage	8,854	- 339	Lamb & mutton	12,284	- 966
Canned meats	28,689	- 8,055	Veal	12,661	- 1,986
Lard & pork fat	106,683	- 17,613	Edible offal	57,301	- 4,278
Other	467,842	- 55,104	Other	448,104	- 29,786
Total	1,705,096	- 246,545	Total	2,163,082	- 45,046

Occupancy Sept. 30: coolers, 66%; freezers, 78%. Net holdings 3.9 billion lbs., up 5% in month. Apple stocks 3 million bus. below Sept. 30, 1951, and 4 million less than 1946-50 average for date. Frozen vegetables almost equal last year's record. Turkey stocks 18.1 million lbs. above year earlier. Pork in store dropped 121 million lbs. during month.

PMA REPORTS THAT ALL 1948-CROP GREAT NORTHERN BEANS OFFERED ON CCC OCTOBER EXPORT SALES LIST HAVE BEEN SOLD, AND THAT ALL 1949-CROP PINTO BEANS OFFERED ON THIS LIST PROBABLY WILL BE SOLD BEFORE END OF MONTH. STOCKS OF THESE BEANS FROM MORE RECENT CROPS HELD BY CCC WILL NOT BE OFFERED ON NOVEMBER AND SUCCEEDING EXPORT SALES LISTS, BUT WILL CONTINUE ON DOMESTIC SALES PRICE LISTS UNTIL SOLD.

POULTRY

USDA bought 1,200,012 lbs. frozen ready-to-cook turkeys October 20 for school lunch distribution under the current surplus removal program. Total acquisitions under program to date, 12,146,012 lbs.

Commercial hatcheries produced 33.8 million chicks during September, record output for month, 1% above September 1951, and 65% above 1946-50 September average. Chicks were for broiler areas. Commercial hatch first 9 months of 1952 totalled 1,462,2 million, down 4% from 1951.

Farmers received 48.7¢ per dozen average for eggs for mid-September (compared with 55¢ in September 1951) and 26.3¢ per lb. liveweight for chickens. Nation's laying flocks numbered 322.7 million, 3% above 1941-50 average for month. Potential layers on farms (including pullets not of laying age) numbered about 482 million, 5% less than year earlier, 10% below average.

ABOUT 13,252,000 PEOPLE WERE WORKING ON U. S. FARMS AT END OF SEPTEMBER. OF TOTAL, 3,709,000 WERE HIRED WORKERS. AVERAGE WAGE RATE WAS 68.8¢ PER HOUR, 5% ABOVE YEAR EARLIER.

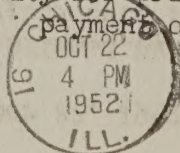
SUGAR

Annual hearing to determine U. S. sugar requirements for 1953 will be held in Washington, November 13, in USDA's South Building. Hearing will afford all interested persons opportunity to present data, views or arguments with respect to sugar requirements and establishment of 1953 sugar quotas for the continental U.S.

Sugar Branch, PMA, reports 6,417,145 short tons sugar, raw value, charged against 1952 quotas through September 30, compared with 6,190,997 tons in same 1951 period. Domestic beet and cane producers credited with 750,229 tons of unfilled balance of quotas.

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U.S. FOOD SUPPLIES 1951-52 AND DISTRIBUTION

U. S. food supplies consumed or exported in fiscal year, July 1951-June 1952, totalled 142,355,000 long tons (2,240 lbs.). Civilians consumed 82.6%, military services took 2%, U.S. territories, 0.4%, and 14.8% was exported.

Civilians consumed 94% of meat, 98% of sugar and peanuts, 96% of vegetables (fresh and processed), 96% of eggs, 95% of cheese, 93% of potatoes and sweet potatoes, 90% of fruits (fresh and processed), 90% of condensed and evaporated milk, and 82% of edible fats and oils.

Food exports totalled 21.1 million long tons, 9% above 1950-51, and second only to record 21.9 million tons shipped out in 1948-49. Exports included: wheat and products 12.7 million tons, (473 million bus.), almost half of U. S. wheat distributed for food use; other grains and products, except rice, 4.7 million tons; rice, 0.8 million tons, a record and 60% of rice distribution; dairy products, 149,000 tons, lowest since World War II; food fats and oils, 0.6 million tons, 15.6% of distribution, and largest export of record; other foods, mostly fruits, vegetables, and soybeans, 2.1 million tons. Meat exports totalled only 57,000 tons.

Domestic civilian consumption during the year was maintained at the high rate of 111% of the 1935-39 prewar average.

MEAT PRODUCED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION IN WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 25
ESTIMATED BY USDA AT 359 MILLION LBS., 1% BELOW THE PRECEDING WEEK
BUT 10% MORE THAN THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO. WEEK'S OUTPUT INCLUDED
(MILLION LBS.): BEEF, 167.5; VEAL, 16.7; PORK, 160.8; LAMB AND
MUTTON, 13.8.

DAIRY

Milk market actions: USDA recommended increase of 17.5¢ in Class I (fluid) milk price differential in Lima, Ohio, milk order; approved changes in pricing provisions of Cleveland, Ohio order, raising minimum prices; amended several provisions of Detroit, Mich. order relating chiefly to pricing methods and payments to producers.

FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings 12 Midwest States-Jan.-Aug., 1952

1,000 dollars		1,000 dollars	
Ohio	674,893	Iowa	1,443,944
Indiana	677,069	Missouri	623,009
Illinois	1,219,469	North Dakota	272,116
Michigan	464,799	South Dakota	339,046
Wisconsin	760,862	Nebraska	701,961
Minnesota	785,590	Kansas	896,259
Total		8,859,021	

Total for 12 states represents 47% of cash receipts for farm marketings all 48 states for 7 month period. Iowa ranks second, Illinois third in cash income, all states, California leading with \$1,683 million.

DROUGHT EMERGENCY HAY PROGRAM

Orders received by Chicago PMA Commodity Office from farmers in drought affected areas in South totalled 360,462 tons through October 24. Most orders from Texas, 144,254 tons; Tennessee, 72,135 tons; Kentucky 36,490 tons; Oklahoma 39,973 tons. Orders placed with PMA County Committees in 5 midwest surplus states. Shipments ordered to date by Committees aggregate 16,042 cars, equivalent of 192,000 bales.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN OCTOBER 14 INCREASED DROUGHT DISASTER
AID FUNDS TO \$8 MILLION. OFFICIALS HOPE THIS AMOUNT
WILL CARRY PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN BASIC LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY HERDS
IN CRITICAL AREAS UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 1953.

SUGAR

USDA October 21 increased 1952 sugar quotas 100,000 tons to bring total quotas for 1952 for all domestic and foreign areas to 7,800,000 short tons, raw value. Deliveries by primary distributors through October 18 totalled 6,695,019 tons, about 283,000 more than same 1951 period. Additional quota sugar can be made available, if current quota appears inadequate for consumer needs at prices fair to producers and consumers, as required by law.

The October 21 action increased Cuba's quota 98,640 tons, and the Republic of the Phillipines, 1,360 tons.

GRAINS

U.S. stocks food and feed grains in all positions, October 1: (million bus.) wheat, 1,342, second largest in history; rye, 12.7, compared with 20.5 year ago, and lowest in 10 years of comparable averages; corn, 489, compared with 739 in 1951, and fourth largest carryover since 1912; oats, 1,100, slightly below October average; grain sorghums, 10, about average; barley, 210 compared with 268 year earlier, and smallest since 1946.

Rye stocks reflect low 1950 and 1951 production. CCC holdings included in above data.

Sales under International Wheat Agreement, October 15-21 totalled 1,291,000 bus. (including 414,290 cwt. flour in wheat equivalent). Total U.S. sales under 1952-53 quotas, 89,885,000 bus.

PMA Commodity Offices report following sales last week for export or domestic use from inventories acquired under price support: corn, 567,635 bus.; wheat, 109,925 bus.; barley, 21,087 bus.; oats, 3,516 bus.; dry edible beans, 228,311 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 3,046 cwt.; clover seed, 543 lbs.; corn screenings, 1,112 cwt.

APPLICATIONS TO EXPORT HONEY UNDER EXPORT PROGRAM APPROVED
IN WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 17 TOTALLED 890,090 LBS. CUMULATIVE
QUANTITIES APPROVED FOR EXPORT UNDER PROGRAM TOTAL 14,424,215
LBS. U.S. HONEY CROP THIS YEAR ESTIMATED 250 MILLION LBS.

FRUITS

Revised BAE report indicates citrus production in the 1951-52 season totalled 7,199,000 tons of which oranges and tangerines accounted for 72%. Nearly half of crop processed. About 2.5 million tons oranges (49% of sales) were processed, as were 600,000 tons of grapefruit (41% of sales), and 169,000 tons of lemons (34% of sales). Value of crop, \$258.1 million, about \$69.6 million less than the 1950-51 crop.

FATS AND OILS

Supplies of fats and oils for year October 1, 1952-September 30, 1953 estimated by BAE at 11.8 billion lbs., about 0.4 billion less than last year's high output. Includes 8.8 billion lbs. edible fats, 5% below last year's record. Most of decline in lard, but production vegetable oils also expected smaller. 1952 pig, cottonseed and peanut crops down 9.7, and 27% respectively. Butter production also may be smaller.

Supplies will be adequate for all requirements. Domestic disappearance expected to equal or exceed 1951-52, but exports may fall moderately below last year's record level. Prices expected to remain steady or increase slightly as season progresses, in contrast to sharp decline first half 1951-52. October prices averaged 25% below year earlier.

Supplies of peanuts in commercial positions September 30 totalled 261 million lbs. farmers stock equivalent, excluding shelled oil stock, compared with 339 million lbs. month earlier, 228 million lbs. year ago.

USDA'S PURCHASES OF FROZEN READY-TO-COOK TURKEY OCTOBER 22
FOR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS AMOUNTED TO 1,428,212 LBS. TOTAL
ACQUISITIONS TO DATE, 13,424,224 LBS. LATEST PURCHASES WERE
FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DELIVERY.

MARKET BASKET

Retail cost of farm foods in the Market-Basket reached an all time high of \$755 (annual rate) in July and declined to \$746 in September. Farmer's share of the September cost was \$348, about 47¢ of the consumer food dollar, lowest recorded since April, 1946, shortly before the end of World War II price controls. Retail cost of Market-Basket, April, 1946 was \$473, farmer's share \$254, about 54¢ of consumer dollar.

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